

Preliminary Amendment
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

At page 3, line 26 to 28 in BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, please delete the description of Figure 6:

~~"Figure 6 Functional amidolytic activities of the recombinant protease C-E 6XHIS expressed, purified and activated from the activation construct were determined using chromogenic substrates".~~